

Champlain Tower South – Surfside Updates

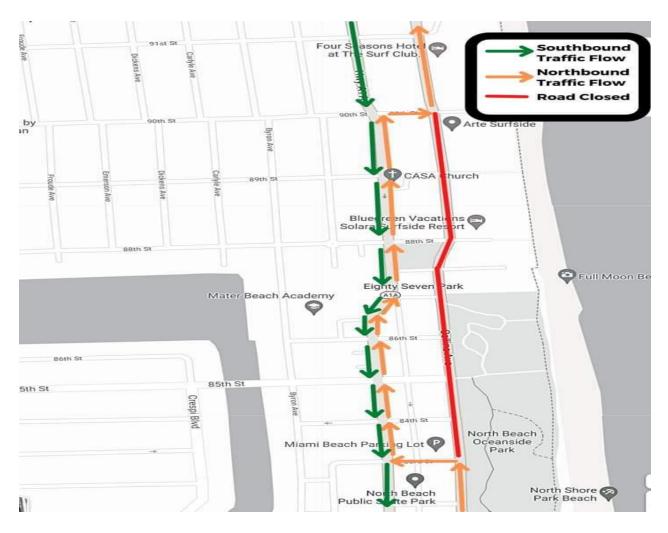
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Our thoughts, prayers and hearts continue to be with the residents and families in the Town of Surfside who have been impacted by the Champlain Tower South building collapse. The entire Bal Harbour Team continues to remain actively involved in supporting the ongoing Federal, State and Miami-Dade County measures taking place during this difficult time.

Traffic Update

A new traffic pattern has been introduced in Surfside which is open to all travelers (not just residents of the 33154 community).

Harding Avenue will be open to both Northbound and Southbound vehicular travel. Traffic going Northbound on Collins Avenue will be diverted to Harding Avenue from 83rd Street to 90th Street. Please note, Collins Avenue remains closed from between 83rd Street and 90th Street.





Please note that traffic delays are expected when traveling in this area. As this information is updated, it will be sent out thru the Bal Harbour Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS). If you have not yet signed up, you may do so thru this link: https://bit.ly/2TSy0Sc.

Family Assistance Center in Bal Harbour

Under the leadership of the Bal Harbour Village Team led by Councilman David Albaum and Hotel General Manager Raj Singh, the Sea View Hotel is being utilized by federal, state and local service organizations as a "Family Assistance Center" to provide aide for any displaced residents, as well as support services for family members awaiting news of their loved ones. This center serves as a one-stop location with a number of service agencies available to assist in a number of areas, such as, housing assistance, transportation, spiritual support and crisis counseling. Families impacted by the Surfside building collapse can call **305-614-1819** or visit 9301 Collins Avenue (Town of Surfside Community Center) to speak in person with a detective. Detectives are available 24 hours / day. Additional information may be found at www.MiamiDade.gov/emergency.

Donations

The Town of Surfside has been overwhelmed with donations. At this time what is most needed are monetary donations which can be made thru www.SupportSurfside.org. For a list of additional organizations collecting donations, visit the Town of Surfside's dedicated Champlain Tower South web page thru https://bit.ly/3gwU2bH.

Volunteers

The Town of Surfside has received a tremendous number of volunteer applications from volunteers willing to donate their time in support of those impacted by the incident. At this time, no additional volunteers are needed.

Prayers and Vigils

Various religious organizations around the community are holding prayer services and / or are accepting donations on behalf of those impacted by the partial building collapse. Find updates by visiting the websites of The Shul at https://www.theshul.org/8777, Young Israel at https://www.yicbh.org/, Casa Church at https://www.miamiarch.org/ or St. Joseph's Church at https://www.stjosephmiamibeach.com/.